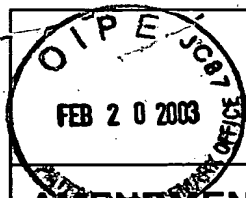


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**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER AND  
REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME  
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)**

Docket Number:  
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Application Number  
10/066,850

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Art Unit  
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Invention Title  
**PROCESS FOR THE PRODUCTION OF  
SUBSTITUTED 2-(2 PYRIDYLMETHYL) SULFINYL-  
IH-BENZIMIDAZOLES**

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Transmitted herewith for entry in the above-identified application:

1. Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. §1.111.
2. The filing fee has been calculated after entry of the accompanying Amendment as shown below:

	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT NUMBER EXTRA	RATE (\$)	FEE (\$)
TOTAL CLAIMS	117	minus	53	64	18.00	1,152.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	9	minus	3	6	84.00	504.00
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM ADDED					280.00	0
				TOTAL		1,656.00
				SMALL ENTITY TOTAL		

3. Please charge the required additional claims fee of **\$1,656.00** to deposit account number **11-0600**.
4. Applicant respectfully requests a two-month extension of time in which to respond to the Office Action dated August 13, 2002 for which a response period expiring on November 13, 2002 was set. The extended period expires on February 13, 2003. The

Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) extension fee of **\$930.00** to the deposit account of **Kenyon & Kenyon**, deposit account number **11-0600**.

5. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to the deposit account of **Kenyon & Kenyon**, deposit account number **11-0600**:
- A. Any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16;
  - B. Any additional patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17;
  - C. Any additional patent issue fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18;
  - D. Any additional document supply fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.19;
  - E. Any additional post-patent processing fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.20; or
  - F. Any additional miscellaneous fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.21.
6. A copy of this letter is enclosed.

Dated: February 13, 2003

By: \_\_\_\_\_

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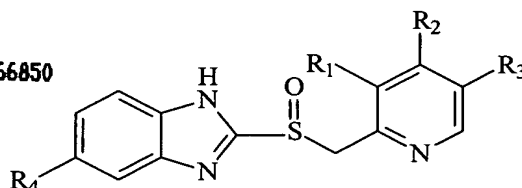
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In response to the Office Action of August 13, 2002, Applicants respectfully submit the following remarks. Applicants respectfully request a THREE-MONTH extension and thereby extend the response date to February 13, 2003. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the extension fee or any additional fees or credit any overpayments under 37 C.F.R. §1.16 or §1.17 to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

In the Claims:

Please amend the following claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A process for preparing a thioester compound of formula A:



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